

ABSTRACT

A system (100) for manufacturing product, in which a
5 first work station (101) is operable to perform a first
manufacturing action on the product parts; this first
station has a first entrance (101a) and a first exit 101b).
A second work station (102) is operable to perform a second
manufacturing action on the product parts; this second
10 station has a second entrance (102a) and a second exit
(102b). A transport line (103) between the first exit and
the second entrance is operable to move the product parts
under computer control. A chamber (104) encloses a portion
of the line and is constructed so that the transport
15 achieves a balanced throughput from the first station to
the second station, while the product parts are exposed to
computer-controlled environmental conditions (110) during
transport through the chamber. The balanced throughput in
the chamber is achieved by waiting lines for the product
20 with computer-controlled monitors (105a) for product parts'
positions and times in the chamber.